IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2007 / 25TH MAGHA 1928

WP(C).No. 33371 of 2006(W)

PETITIONERS:

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1. T.JAYAPRAKASH,
   ACCOUNTANT, SRIVALLABHA TEMPLE, THIRUVALLA.

2. S.SATHEESHKUMAR,
   ACCOUNTANT, SRIVALLABHA TEMPLE,
   THIRUVALLA.

3. S.SREEKUMAR,
   ACCOUNTANT, SRIVALLABHA TEMPLE,
   THIRUVALLA.

BY ADV. SRI.C.RAJENDRAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, OFFICE OF TRAVANCORE
   DEVASWOM BOARD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER,
   TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
   NANDANCODU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE ACCOUNTS OFFICER,
   TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
   NANDANCODU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.C.VIJAYAN, SC, TDB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 14/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

W.P.(C)No.33371 OF 2006

Dated this the 14th day of February, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioners are working as Karanma Accountant in Sreevallabha Temple coming under the Thiruvalla group. They had sought for a direction to the respondents to revise the pay and allowances on the basis of the pay scale of IInd Grade Sub Group Officers in the service of the Travancore Devaswom Board. The above request is made in the light of Ext.P1.

2. Standing counsel submits that the request made by the petitioners has already been considered by the Devaswom Commissioner who has recommended for the grant of the revised pay sought for by the petitioners as can be seen from Ext.R1(a) letter dated 17.11.2003. Subsequently, the Assistant Devaswom Commissioner brought letter dated 13.01.2006 to the office of the Devaswom Commissioner pointing out that early decision on the request of the petitioner is necessary.

3. Standing counsel submits that the authority to take decision on the request of the petitioner is the Devaswom Board and that appropriate decision will be taken without delay.

4. Having regard to the contentions raised by the petitioners and the submissions made by the standing counsel, I feel that a time frame will have to be fixed by this court for taking final decision on the request of the petitioners for sanctioning them the pay scale of IInd Grade Sub Group Officers.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 1st respondent to pass appropriate orders on the request of the petitioners for the pay scale of IInd Grade Sub Group Officers in the light of Ext.P1 as also Ext.R1(a). This shall be done within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

(K.K.DENESAN, JUDGE)

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